



BAMBOS TULDA. BAMBOO.

Photograph of a common Bengalese bamboo from Sibpur, Calcutta, taken at Culebra, Canal Zone, December, 1910. Plants planted May, 1908. One of the most useful plants of Bengal, the fiber of which is largely used for mats, baskets, fans and window-blinds. In America the best split bamboos are made from the wood of this species. The young shoots when tender are used as food, and the wood is used for roofing, scaffolding, and baskets. Some forms because of their numerous thorns form excellent hedges. As the walls of the culms are very thick this species has been suggested as a source of supply for bamboo woven lathing, basket material, etc. Grows very rapidly, the specimen in the photograph having attained a height of about 45 feet in three seasons of growth. The species is supposed to stand some frost, is quite drought-resistant, and recommends itself as an ornamental.